Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 KUWAIT 05197 071022Z

10
ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 MC-02 ACDA-07 AID-05 IGA-02 OMB-01

TRSE-00 EB-07 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 DODE-00 COME-00

/068 W
---------- 005729
O 071005Z NOV 76
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6569

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KUWAIT 5197

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MASS, KU
SUBJ: URGENT NEED FOR USG POSITION ON M-16S FOR KUWAIT

REF: (A) KUWAIT 3442, (B) KUWAIT 4484.

1. PRESIDENT OF COLT INDUSTRIES' FIREARMS DIVISION, HADWEN P. STONE, ARRIVED KUWAIT NOV 5 AT REQUEST OF KUWAITI MINISTER OF DEFENSE. LOCAL COLT AGENT HAD SENT MESSAGE TO STONE INFORMING HIM THAT MINISTER WANTED TO SEE HIM. STONE HAS APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER MID-DAY NOVEMBER 8. SINCE SALE OF M-16'S MAY BE IN THE WORKS (REFTELS) WE WANT TO GIVE STONE INDICATION OF DEPARTMENT'S POSITION BEFORE HE SEE MINISTER. EMBASSY REPEATS ITS REQUEST FOR INDICATION OF DEPT POSTION ON M-16 SALE TO KUWAIT OF LESS THAN 1,000 RIFLES OR, ALTERNATIVELY, OF UP TO 30,000 RIFLES (FIGURE MENTIONED TO STONE BY LOCAL AGENT)(REFTELS).

2. FYI: STONE SAID THAT MORE THAN MERE SALE OF RIFLES MAY BE INVOLVED HERE. HE REPORTS THAT LOCAL COLT AGENT APPARENTLY THINKING IN TERMS OF M-16 ASSEMBLY PLANT OR PRODUCTION FACILITY IN KUWAIT OR ELSEWHERE IN GULF AREA. EMBOFFS DISCOURAGED STONE ON THIS GENERALLY ON BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLICY GROUNDS. STONE PROMISED TO CHECK BACK WITH EMBOFF AFTER MEETING WITH DEFMIN.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 KUWAIT 05197 071022Z

WE WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT WHAT HE REPORTS. END FYI.

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

MAESTRONE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY ASSISTANCE, SMALL ARMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 NOV 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976KUWAIT05197
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760415-0556
From: KUWAIT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761172/aaaacksx.tel
Line Count: 62
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION PM
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 KUWAIT 3442, 76 KUWAIT 4484
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <13 OCT 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: URGENT NEED FOR USG POSITION ON M-16S FOR KUWAIT
TAGS: MASS, KU
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006